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MATH, SCIENCE, and SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (MSSE)

A Program of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE)

Description:

The Math, Science and Special Education Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program (MSSE) is a student-centered, need-based forgivable loan designed to financially support and to encourage Arizona resident junior or senior college students to enter into the teaching profession and teach in Arizona. Students must enter into an agreement with the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to teach in an Arizona public school in a term equal to the number of years of loan received plus one year. Additionally, students must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the loan and promising to repay the loan plus interest if teaching obligation is not met. The financial aid office at the institution must certify that the student meets the minimum qualifications for the loan. Loans are awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Award Amount:

The maximum forgivable loan is \$7,000 per academic year for up to three years excluding all grants, scholarships and other tuition benefits (ex: tribal and military). Funds can be applied toward tuition, instructional materials and mandatory fees as documented in the student's Cost of Attendance (COA) at their institution.

Minimum Qualifications for Loan:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or an eligible noncitizen.
- Must be a resident of Arizona for at least the previous 12 months at the time of application completion.
- Must be enrolled at least half-time in a baccalaureate program at a nationally or regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution in Arizona (public or private).
- Must be a junior or senior (completed at least 60 college credit hours) in a course of instruction with the intent to attain licensure as a teacher in math, science, special education in a public school in Arizona **or** attain licensure as a teacher in elementary education in a public school that is located in a geographic area in Arizona that is experiencing a shortage of teachers as determined by the state board of education.
- Must be seeking a first baccalaureate degree.
- Must have financial need (Cost of Attendance minus EFC).
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution.
- Must enter into an agreement with the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to teach in an Arizona public school in a term equal to the number of years of loan received plus one year.
- Must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the loan and promising to repay the loan plus 7% interest if teaching obligation is not met.



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2012 – 2013 Application

*Instructions: Please print neatly or type to complete the application below. Return completed application to the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) **by mail**. Funding is limited and awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Student Information

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____ Gender: M F
Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____
Permanent Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
Email Address (use a non-school email address) _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Driver's License Number (or State ID) _____ License Issuing State _____
Have you been a resident of the State of Arizona for at least 12 months? YES NO

Enrollment Information

What is your current/planned enrollment for the 2012 - 13 academic year?
___ Full-Time ___ Three-Quarter Time ___ Half Time
Where are you currently enrolled? _____
What is your major/program of study? _____
What is your expected date of college graduation? _____
In what subject area do you intend to teach? ___ Math ___ Science ___ Special Education
___ Elementary Education in a Geographic Area Experiencing a Shortage of Teachers
At what grade level do you intend to teach? ___ Elementary Sch. ___ Middle Sch. ___ High Sch.
Have you completed at least 60 college credit hours at the time of application? YES NO

Optional

Ethnicity: ___ American Indian or Alaska Native ___ Hispanic/Latino
___ Black or African American ___ Asian
___ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ___ White/Caucasian